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1. A unit with four 122-mm guns and four caterpillar tractors arrived at the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (N 53/2 63), on 7 September 1950. Soldiers said that the unit had previously been stationed in Wildpark. It numbered 16 officers, including one major, two captains, six senior lieutenants and seven lieutenants, and 80 EM, 18 to 22 years of age and wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The unit was commanded by a major. The same unit with four guns and four caterpillar tractors went to Bornstedterfeld on 12 September 1950 for aiming practice. (1).

2. On 3 September 1950 the senior lieutenant of the rear detail in the Delius Kaserne told the German employees that the "heating system, sewerage, kitchens, etc. must be overhauled because the brigade will come back between 10 and 15 October 1950." (1)

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3. On 9 September 1950 about 20 trucks and passenger cars, including [REDACTED] were parked in front of the Kriegsschule. A charwoman employed in the tribunal said that on 9 September 1950, 60 officers had returned from a four-week course in Moscow. (2)

4. A workman said that the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Tudenendorff Kaserne were each occupied by only one medium AAA battery. The other units had left the installations for field exercises. (3)

5. Four light AA guns were emplaced on the southern edge of Bornstedterfeld on 10 September 1950. Mounds of earth had been erected around the guns. Officers and EM of the gun crews were accommodated in 11 tents. Relieving personnel and rations arrived from the Hohenlohe Kaserne. (3)

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6. The Garde du Corps Kaserne on Stalinallee, before 1945 known as Berliner-Strasse and Neue Koenigstrasse, was about two-thirds occupied between 10 and 16 September 1950. Gate guards wore artillery insignia. One third of the barracks installation was destroyed. The annex buildings appeared

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to house a motor transport unit and its vehicles. The Potsdam police headquarters was located in the barracks section on Behlerstrasse.

(4)

7. The Leibgarde-Musaren Kaserne at 23-24 Stalinallee, between the street and the Havel River, was occupied by German Volkspolizei personnel and about 50 Soviet soldiers of a motor transport unit who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. (5)
8. The former military orphanage on Lindenstrasse was vacated on 21 August 1950 and has since then been used as a German kindergarten. (6)
9. The municipal timber yard was located in the barracks installation on Bauhofstrasse, formerly Priesterstrasse. Volkspolizei personnel were quartered in the former police jail belonging to the barracks installation (6)
10. The Leibgrenadier Kaserne on Brandenburgerplatz housed the German revenue office. (6)
11. Some residential houses on Moltkestrasse which had been occupied by Soviet offices since 1945 were vacated and placed at the disposal of the FDJ. (6)
12. The buildings of the SCC for Land Brandenburg include the former Hitler-jugend leader training school. The villas on the streets bounding the SCC area were occupied by SCC officers and their dependents. (6) It was learned that the officers were to move into barracks and their dependents were to return to the U.S.S.R. by 1 October 1950. (7)

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